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Hi Joel,

It was great to have a chance to talk with you by briefly phone last week about methylmercury and the PolyMet sulfide mine proposal. I understand that the scope and timing of EPA research related to PolyMet and methylmercury have not yet been determined.

You let me know that you've reviewed copies of Brian Branfireun's reports on the PolyMet supplemental draft EIS and final EIS. You may not have Dr. Branfireun's complete final EIS opinion and referred materials. For your convenience, here is the link where you can find the opinion and references: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q85gxvciuu2hy41/AAAblkFhzgyoX-q\\_tI4yraDXa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q85gxvciuu2hy41/AAAblkFhzgyoX-q_tI4yraDXa?dl=0)

We briefly discussed the fact that Dr. Branfireun had also made recommendations for the analysis of PolyMet methylmercury impacts in a March 2016 outline, *PolyMet NorthMet Proposed Copper-Nickel Mine Project Outline for Methylmercury Analysis*. This outline was prepared in response to questions from EPA staff as to how an analysis might be done to evaluate the impacts of the proposed PolyMet project on methylmercury production and transport. The outline was sent to EPA Region 5 on March 1, 2016 and a copy is attached with this email.

We would greatly appreciate if you would let us know when you begin work related to PolyMet and methylmercury.

Should you wish assistance in locating materials or if you would like to speak with Dr. Branfireun about his PolyMet EIS opinions or outline for analysis, please do not hesitate to call me.

Best regards,  
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